

## **The Office of Women's Health at the Indiana State Department of Health Announces the 2008-2009 INFluence Mini-Grant Program**

The Office of Women's Health (OWH) at the Indiana State Department of Health has funding available for the planning and implementation of local INFluence events.

INFluence (Indiana Female Leaders Unite) provides an avenue by which powerful Hoosier women (leaders in government, business, health care, education, media, and faith-based and community organizations) are educated about critical women's health issues, given a charge to educate about and advocate for women's health in their own spheres of influence, and provided with toolkits to help them accomplish this goal. To date, INFluence has addressed tobacco marketing to women as well as mental health and addictions. A complete description of INFluence can be found at [www.influence.in.gov](http://www.influence.in.gov).

The purpose of the INFluence mini-grant program is to encourage local communities to replicate the INFluence Women's Health Forum in their own communities and have a greater impact on the women's health topics addressed by this initiative. OWH is providing local communities with an online toolkit to aid in planning and hosting their INFluence events as well as the opportunity to apply for \$500 or \$1000 to help fund the local events. Applicants are encouraged to use the tools and resources provided by OWH, but to also build on and incorporate the unique attributes of their communities to make the events relevant and meaningful to their target audience.

For complete details on the INFluence mini-grant program and to download the application and instructions, log on [www.influence.in.gov](http://www.influence.in.gov) and click on the online toolkits.